

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

November 9, 2023

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Henderson, Tennessee met in regular session on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the City of Henderson City Hall. Present and presiding was Vice Mayor Mark Barber. City Recorder Jim E. Garland called the roll with the following being present:

Aldermen: Mark A. Barber, Buel Maness, Michael Phelps, Jason Rhodes, and Keith Smith.
Absent: Donna Butler

Also present at the meeting were: City Recorder Jim E. Garland, City Attorney Jerry Spore, Police Chief Gary Davidson, Building Official Brent Beshires, Public Works Director Carter Scales, Fire Chief Doug Acred, Utility Director Darryl Green, and Asst CMFO Alicia Holder.

Vice Mayor Barber called the meeting to order at the appointed time. Alderman Maness gave the invocation and Alderman Rhodes led the Pledge to the Flag. The following proceedings were entered here-to-wit:

The minutes of the previous regular meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Ald. Maness to accept the minutes as presented, duly 2nd by Ald. Rhodes. Motion carried.

The accumulated accounts were presented for informational purposes. There being no questions on the accounts, the meeting continued.

The first item on the agenda was a call for delegations to address the board.

Mr. Ron Moten addressed the board asking the city to pave the driveway off of Harmon Street going towards his house. This driveway is being used by the public and needs paving. Recorder Garland stated that this driveway has been referred to as "Moten Drive". It has been paved by the city on the west side of the church a couple of times over the years. It is questionable if it is a city street or what right of way is there. This has not been formally surveyed to know who is responsible for paving. A legal survey needs to be done to determine if this is a city street or a private driveway. After further discussion, Recorder Garland will look further into the history of board meetings to see what has been discussed and PWD will get measurements of the driveway/street in question to present at the next board meeting.

There being no further delegations, the meeting continued

The next item on the agenda was to discuss maintenance issues with the Fire Department Ladder Truck. Fire Chief Acred stated that the ladder truck is approximately 30 years old (94 model) and was bought used. Up until recently, they had someone on staff who would do the

maintenance on it. They had a company come out to estimate an issue and while trying to figure out the issue, the hydraulic hose was blown. The cost to fix the hose is \$6604.00. This did not correct the issue, while bleeding air out, they found a cylinder that was leaking. The truck is not drivable. The city mechanic came out and took the cylinders off and they are being taken to Mississippi to be rebuilt. The issue tonight is that they need to move funds to pay for repairs. He is asking to move \$10,000 from the volunteer fire salaries account to the maintenance account. A motion was made by Ald. Smith to transfer the funds as requested, duly 2nd by Ald. Maness. Motion carried

The next item on the agenda was to consider the purchase of a new pipe locator for the utility department at an approximate cost of \$4,300.00. UD Green stated there are electronic components that cannot be fixed on the old one. He has reached out to three vendors and only one has responded and the amount is \$4166.65 plus shipping. A motion was made by Ald. Smith to approve the purchase as requested, duly 2nd by Ald. Phelps. Motion carried.

The City Employee Christmas Lunch is on Thursday, December 7th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. City Hall and the Utility Offices will remain closed during this time. Recorder Garland is asking permission to close City Hall for that time frame so all city employees can partake in the Christmas Festivities. A motion was made by Ald. Maness to approve the closing of City Hall for the time frame requested, duly 2nd, by Ald. Rhodes. Motion carried.

Any other Business:

Ald. Maness stated that he had driven through town and asked about the crosswalks. PWD stated that they had been painted. Recorder Garland stated that he had talked to the state and that they would not consider putting down the thermoplastic at this time but to contact them in the spring for follow-up.

Building Official Beshires stated that he would be bringing a request for rezoning from the school system next month.

UD Green stated that the Clover Creek project has been completed by the utility staff, but they still have Hughes Road Project to do. The Rebecca Drive project has been started by a contractor.

Fire Chief Acred stated last month that they had received approval on the THSO Grant for extrication equipment and tonight he is asking for approval to move forward with the purchase. The grant total is \$13,432.00 and the city is liable for \$947.00. A motion was made by Ald. Maness to approve the purchase, duly 2nd by Ald. Smith. Motion carried.

Chief Acred then stated the new fire engine was on-site tonight and invited everyone to look at it.

Chief Acred then introduced two new employees, Captain Luke Foster, and Captain Ethan Hanson. They were welcomed by the board.

Chief Acred then handed out invitations to the Fire Department Christmas Dinner to the mayor and board members.

Recorder Garland stated Mayor King reminded him that now is the time to review the mayor's salary. It is due to be set 180 days before the election. Now is the time to start the process so that it can be approved in plenty of time. Ald. Smith will do the calculations and

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present them to the board in next month's meeting and Recorder Garland will have the ordinance prepared to be reviewed and considered.

City Attorney Spore stated that he represents the Industrial Development Board (IDB) and that he had been contacted by Jay Satterfield from FHU regarding Hall-Roland Hall renovations. This is located at the corner of Main St. and Cason St. FHU is asking the IDB to issue bonds for financing the renovations. They are interested in tax-exempt bond financing. There is a \$10M annual limit and he wanted to be sure that the city has no needs between now and Jan.1 to impair the financing. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ald. Smith to recommend to the IDB to place on their agenda for the bond issue, 2nd by Ald. Phelps. Motion carried

Asst. CMFO Holder stated that she had just got back from a TAUD conference and rates were discussed in depth with different utilities throughout Tennessee. We are in line with most rates except the return check fee. She would like to set the return check fee to \$30.00 which is as high as the state will allow. A motion was made by Ald. Rhodes to approve setting the return check fee city-wide to \$30.00, duly 2nd by Ald Smith. Motion carried.

Ald. Smith stated that as a follow-up from last month, Recorder Garland was going to reach out to the state regarding the multi-modal project and the status of additional grants for overages since it has been so long. There has been no response to his inquiries.

Ald. Smith then stated that he had noticed on the accounts that TURF Obsession billed us for nine cemetery mowings in August and September and was wondering if that was overkill. Recorder Garland advised this contract would have to be re-bid for the 2024 mowing season and the city needs to have more control over the timing of the mowings.

Recorder Garland reminded everyone of the Bloodmobile tomorrow and the Christmas Parade on December 7th.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Ald. Smith to adjourn, duly 2nd by Ald. Rhodes. Motion carried.

Signed: Robert W. King

APPROVED: _____

MAYOR

Signed: Jim E. Garland

ATTEST: _____, CITY RECORDER